

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT
WETA TV26 PROGRAMMING

3rd Quarter 2016
July, August, September

As the program schedule for WETA TV26 is planned, consideration is given to a variety of special interests in the Washington metropolitan area. During June, July, and August, the following issues were covered in a variety of programming.

American History / Biography
Arts
Business / Industry
Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement
Economy
Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters
Health / Health Care
National Politics
Science / Technology
War / Veterans / National Security

The programming listed below represents ongoing series that continually touch upon the previously mentioned topics.

BBC World News America (Weeknights)
Charlie Rose (Weeknights)
Frontline (Weekly)
McLaughlin Group (Weekly)
Nightly Business Report (Weeknights)
Open Mind (Weekend)
PBS NewsHour (Weeknights)
PBS NewsHour Weekend (Weekends)
Religion and Ethics Newsweekly (Weekly)
SciTech Now (Weekly)
To the Contrary (Weekly)
Washington Week (Weekly)

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American History / Biography

WHITE HOUSE: INSIDE STORY (180) minutes

Aired Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 8:00pm

Gain access to America's most iconic residence -- symbol of national history and icon of democracy. From the Oval Office to the family dining room, through crises and world wars, the 200-year story of the White House is the story of America itself.

NIXON: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (180) minutes

Aired Friday, August 9, 2016 at 9:00 pm

Examine the complex life and career of Richard Nixon, whose legacy includes both ending America's involvement in Vietnam and the Watergate scandal. Forced to resign, his administration did much to erode Americans' faith in their government.

NEWTON MINOW: AN AMERICAN STORY (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Meet a fierce advocate for the common good, former FCC chairman Newton Minow, who elevated television to higher standards and fought for civil rights while offering counsel to presidents, politicians, corporate leaders, academics and others.

Arts

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired Friday, July 1, 2016 at 7:00pm

J.K. Rowling brings magic to the theater with a new Harry Potter play: At London's Palace Theater, fans of J.K. Rowling can leap back into her now-familiar magical world of a certain boy wizard. In "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," a new stage play told in two parts, Harry is back, but older and with children of his own. Jeffrey Brown reports..

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN': THE SONGS OF THE MAMAS AND THE PAPAS (90) minutes

Aired Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Celebrate 50 years of the harmonious pop-folk-rock group that defined an era. The special features interviews and performances by Mama Cass, Michelle, Denny and John, with rare footage not seen in decades.

LIVE FROM LINCOLN CENTER: SIMPLE GIFTS—CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY AT SHAKER VILLAGE (120) minutes

Aired Friday, September 9, 2016 at 9:30 pm

Hit the road with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center as they perform inspired American selections amidst the bluegrass countryside of Kentucky.

Business / Industry

CHARLIEROSE (60) minutes

Aired Friday, July 22, 2016 at 11:30 pm

Author & entrepreneur Sam Polk: The author and entrepreneur discusses his recent book, *For the Love of Money*.

RIC EDELMAN'S TRUTH ABOUT RETIREMENT (180) minutes

Aired Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 8:00 pm

In RIC EDELMAN'S THE TRUTH ABOUT RETIREMENT, financial advisor Ric Edelman-host of the syndicated personal finance talk radio show *The Ric Edelman Show* and the television series *THE TRUTH ABOUT MONEY WITH RIC EDELMAN*-provides an action plan that people can use to ensure a fiscally secure retirement. With a focus on the new Social Security laws that took effect in the beginning of 2016, Ric conveys the important strategies that viewers of all ages need to plan their retirement. He also covers investment strategies and estate planning. The program is fast, entertaining and accessible, and filled with information individuals can use to make informed decisions about their financial futures.

POV: THE BIRTH OF SAKE (90) minutes

Aired Monday, September 5, 2016 at 10:00 pm

Go behind the scenes at Japan's Yoshida Brewery, where a brotherhood of artisans, ranging from 20 to 70, spends six months in nearly monastic isolation as they follow an age-old process to create saké, the nation's revered rice wine.

Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement

AMERICA IN BLACK AND BLUE: A PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND SPECIAL (60) minutes

Aired Friday, July 15, 2016 at 9:00 pm

For decades, the assassination of John F. Kennedy has fueled dark rumors of conspiracies and mishandled evidence. Now, 50 years later, NOVA asks: Could modern investigators do better? We'll see how state-of-the art forensic tools would be applied to the investigation were it to happen today. At the same time, NOVA takes a critical look at contemporary cases, like the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, to reveal how charges of evidence mishandling and human error can mar even scientifically sophisticated detective work. Will forensics ever be truly foolproof, or does modern technology just give a scientific sheen to a practice that will always be more art than science?

NOVA: COLD CASE JFK (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 10:30 pm

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FRONTLINE: THE MAN WHO KNEW (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 9:00 pm

"The Man Who Knew" is the extraordinary saga of FBI Special Agent John O'Neill. As the bureau's top counter-terrorism agent, O'Neill -- who investigated the bombings of the U.S. embassies in Africa and the USS Cole in Yemen -- came to believe the United States should kill Osama bin Laden before Al Qaeda launched a devastating attack on America. But O'Neill's often lonely voice was muted by a headquarters bureaucracy that found his hot pursuit and James Bond style an anathema. Forced out of the job he loved, O'Neill took a new position in the private sector -- as head of security at the World Trade Center, where he was killed on September 11. The story of O'Neill's life and death provides a rare glimpse inside the FBI and helps answer the question: What did the government know?

Economy

PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND (30) minutes

Aired Saturday, July 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm

On this edition for Saturday, July 2, ISIS claims responsibility for a terrorist attack in Bangladesh that killed at least 20 people. Later, immigrants in the American heartland are keeping rural businesses afloat. Hari Sreenivasan anchors from New York.

REAGAN: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (240) minutes

Aired Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 8:00 pm

When Ronald Reagan's first term reached its halfway point, he was challenged with tremendous economic strife, the recession and unemployment had battered Reaganomics. As the Pentagon spent \$34 million per hour on building up U.S. military forces and nuclear weapons, the deficit increased. However, an economic transformation in 1983 and the slow return of Americans to work secured a second term for Reagan -- a term that would afford him his greatest triumphs and his most difficult blows. "The American Experience" chronicles Reagan's last four years in office -- from the loss of his closest advisors and the Iran-Contra scandal, to the dawning of the fall of Communism in Europe.

PBS NEWSHOUR DEBATE 2016: PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE (120) minutes

Aired Monday, September 26, 2016 at 91:00 pm

NBC Nightly News anchor Lester Holt moderates the first debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York. The PBS NEWSHOUR presents live coverage (90 minutes) of the presidential candidates' **debates followed by analysis (30 minutes), co-anchored by Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff**, with David Brooks, Mark Shields and Amy Walter in studio and NEWSHOUR correspondent John Yang on location.

Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters

PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND (30) minutes

Aired Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 6:00pm

On this episode for Saturday, July 30, Trump and Clinton continue to make their case to voters after the conventions, and Florida officials express concerns following revelations that Zika-carrying mosquitoes have reached the United States mainland. Later, see how a Louisiana community is forced to leave their homes due to rising seas levels. Hari Sreenivasan anchors from New York.

KOKO-THE GORILLA WHO TALKS (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 8:00 pm

In 1971, Penny Patterson began teaching sign language to a gorilla named Koko, unaware that this relationship would define both their lives. More than 40 years later, the now-famous Koko continues to redraw the line between people and animals.

FORCES OF NATURE: COLOR (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Earth is painted in stunning colors. By understanding how these colors are created and the energy they carry, we can learn the secret language of the planet.

Health / Health Care

9 MONTHS THAT MADE YOU: ONE OF A KIND (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 10:00 pm

Learn how you became the unique individual you are. No two people-even "identical" twins-are identical. Through riveting examples, explore how your face was shaped, why you're likely to be right-handed, even how your sexuality formed.

SPILLOVER—EBOLA, ZIKA, AND BEYOND (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 10:00 pm

Spillover — Zika, Ebola & Beyond is a harrowing drama that follows scientists into the world's hot zones in a search for answers. And it does so while providing much needed scientific context for the most recent Ebola and Zika outbreaks. Battle-hardened health workers and survivors share their untold stories, such as how a courageous band of Nigerians jumped into the breach to stop Ebola from turning into a truly global pandemic. *Spillover — Zika, Ebola & Beyond* extends to the new frontiers of disease detection, prevention, and containment. The film travels the world with virus hunters who are tracking old enemies while vigilantly looking out for new foes. Along with cutting-edge science, the film investigates low-tech, but tried-and-true methods to stop viruses from spreading. And the film delves into the microscopic world of viruses to see how they turn our own cells against us to produce legions of infectious offspring. Through in-depth interviews with leading public health experts and epidemiologists, viewers find out how human behaviors increase the likelihood of spillover events, and how science is learning to anticipate, and tame, spillover events.

THE AGE FIX WITH ANTHONY YOUN, MD (90) minutes

Aired Friday, September 2, 2016 at 10:00 pm

Everyone ages whether they like it or not. But it doesn't mean that some signs of aging can't be fixed. Have you ever thought that it would be great to have friend, who just happened to be a plastic surgeon, and you could ask anything and get a straight answer? Someone who won't judge you about your insecurities but would open up a world of insider tips, tricks, and secrets from the fields of beauty, dermatology, and plastic surgery? Well, now you do - because that's Dr. Tony Youn. Yes, plastic surgery trims waistlines and reduces wrinkles, but in *The Age Fix*, Dr. Youn gives easy home remedies to save you thousands of dollars and achieve the same results without surgery. Dr. Youn's goal is to offer you a way to fix your age-related skin concerns, without having in-office treatments, painful surgery, or spending a lot of money. While he acknowledges there are some instances where the only real good option is actual surgery, in most cases he offers ways to turn back the clock in a significant way without even seeing a doctor, much less a plastic surgeon. Throughout *The Age Fix* Dr. Youn reveals tips, tricks, and secrets - natural anti-aging tips plastic surgeons don't want you to know. With the simple changes

he discusses, you'll look younger on the outside and be younger on the inside. He'll share with the single best cream to put on your skin to prevent aging, and the best cream to reverse aging, and even prevent future skin cancers. And he gives simple and easy treatments to improve most aging concerns, like age spots, wrinkles, and under eye puffiness. He demonstrates do-it-yourself anti-aging treatments, reveals the best products to tighten your skin, and simple dietary changes that can make you look and feel years younger. Your skin will glow, and you'll probably notice a few pounds fall off in the bargain. His patients love it, and viewers will, too.

National Politics / Government

AMERICA IN BLACK AND BLUE: A PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND SPECIAL (60) minutes

Aired Friday, July 15, 2016 at 9:00pm

Would eliminating low-level offenses stop police shootings? Newshour Weekend special correspondent Chris Bury reports on new efforts in the Twin Cities of Minnesota to change how and when police interact with residents. In almost an opposite theory to what's been called "Broken Windows" policing, there is an organized move to eliminate many low-level offenses. This approach raises the question: Would many of the police shootings of young men of color happen, if they were never pulled over or stopped in the first place?

NIXON: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (180) minutes

Aired Saturday, August 5, 2016 at 9:00 pm

This three-hour presentation provides a reassessment of Richard Nixon's life and political career. The program chronicles his achievements and defeats from his boyhood in Yorba Linda, California, to his rise to prominence as a virulent anti-communist congressman, to his presidency, including Nixon's historic overtures to China and the Soviet Union, his divisive handling of the Vietnam War and his resignation in the face of the Watergate scandal.

POV: KINGDOM OF SHADOWS (90) minutes

Aired Monday, September 19, 2016 at 10:00 pm

Take an unflinching look at the hard choices and destructive consequences of the U.S.-Mexico drug war. Witness the human side of the conflict through the eyes of a U.S. drug enforcement agent, an activist nun in Mexico and a former Texas smuggler.

Science / Technology

NOVA: MAKING NORTH AMERICA--HUMAN (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 9:00pm

From Ice Age to oil boom, discover the challenges faced and the wealth uncovered as humans take over the continent. How did we turn rocks into riches? And what catastrophic natural disasters could threaten the civilization we've built?

NOVA: ROMAN CATACOMB MYSTERY (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 9:00 pm

Beneath the streets of Rome lies an ancient city of the dead known as the Catacombs -- a labyrinth of tunnels, hundreds of miles long, lined with tombs. Now, NOVA goes inside a previously-unknown complex within the tunnel system: a mysterious mass grave, locked away for nearly 2000 years. NOVA's forensic investigation opens up fascinating new insights into the daily life and health of Roman citizens at the heyday of its mighty empire.

NOVA: KILLER LANDSLIDES (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:00 pm

In less than two minutes in March, a one-square-mile field of debris slammed into the Washington state community of Oso, killing 41 and destroying nearly 50 homes.

Drawing on analysis of other recent landslides around the world, geologists are investigating what triggered the deadliest U.S. landslide in decades and whether climate change is increasing the risk of similar disasters around the globe.

War / Veterans / National Security

PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND (30) minutes

Aired Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm

On this edition for Saturday, July 16, the Trump-Pence ticket makes its debut, just two days before the GOP convention begins. Later, a failed coup attempt in Turkey leaves hundreds killed. And, from Nice, France, the latest on the investigation into the Bastille Day truck attack. Hari Sreenivasan anchors from New York.

LBJ: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE—PT. 1 (120) minutes

Aired Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Revisit the presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson who used his mastery of the legislative process to shepherd a collection of progressive programs only to have his visions of a Great Society swallowed up in the quagmire of Vietnam.

AMERICAN UMPIRE (60) minutes

Aired Friday, September 23, 2016 at 8:30 pm

AMERICAN UMPIRE, a thought-provoking documentary about U.S. foreign policy, chronicles how the United States became the world's policeman and questions how long the U.S. must continue to play this role. Narrated by Jim Lehrer, formerly of The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour, and written by award-winning historian Elizabeth Cobbs, the film explores the history of American military intervention and the future of America's military commitment abroad. After detailing the principles that guided U.S. foreign policy for 150 years and the sea change that followed WWII, the latter half of the one-hour documentary examines America's contemporary role on the international stage. The film concludes by asking whether it's time to rethink our current policies, scale down military spending, and bring our allies back into the game as fellow umpires.

AMERICAN UMPIRE combines archival footage with candid interviews from former secretaries of state George Shultz, Madeleine Albright and Condoleezza Rice; General Jim Mattis and Lt. General Karl Eikenberry, former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan; Nobel Prize winner Michael Spence; Pulitzer Prize winner David Kennedy; and eight scholars from around the world.